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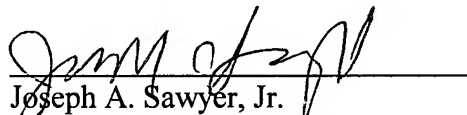
The present application is a divisional of USSN 09/311,204, filed May 12, 1999, and allowed December 16, 2003, in which claims 3-8 and 17-21 have been allowed. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel claims 1-8 and 14-21 which remain pending in the prior application. Accordingly, claims 9-13 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the claims as presented. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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